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## SHOT THREE MEN.

Geo. Hatcher Uses Winchester Freely in Floyd County.

Will Goodman, George Smith and Vincent Wounded More or Less Seriously by the Fusilade.

Between one and two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon George Hatcher, who is said to have been intoxicated at the time he committed the deed, shot and wounded three men, one of whom will probably die. The scene of the shooting was Harold, a station on the C. & O. about 18 miles east of Prestonsburg, and the wounded men are George Smith, shot through the arm; Vincent, of Soldier, Ky., shot through the head, and Will Goodman, shot through the body. Smith's wound is the least, and he will soon recover. The ball which struck Vincent down entered just back of his left ear and came out near the left eye, inflicting a very serious wound. Vincent is a C. & O. brakeman and was taken to his home Thursday morning.

Goodman's wound is the worst. The ball entered his back, near the left side, and passed entirely through his body. The weapon used was a Winchester rifle. Hatcher was arrested and was to have an examining trial Thursday.

The shooting occurred near the station, one story being that one or more of the wounded men were in the depot when they were shot. Hatcher lives about a hundred yards from the station. He is a son of Mrs. Nannie Hatcher, of Harold. She was at one time a resident of this city, and is a sister of James Johns, of Louisa. Two of his children attended school here last winter, boarding with their kinwoman, Mrs. Lucy Caldwell. Hatcher and Smith, one of the victims of his fury, are brothers-in-law, having married sisters.

The foregoing are the general facts in this latest of Floyd's frays, the most diligent inquiry failing to learn particulars. Whatever could have caused the affair no one seems to know. It is evident, however, that whiskey was a very prominent factor in this, as it certainly was in the previous homicidal outbreaks which have stained the history of Floyd county. The Webb law, of which so much had been expected, has proved to be a farcical failure. Liquor is continually taken into the county, and so long as this is the case, lawless and homicidal will occur.

Another report says there had been bad feeling for some time between Smith and Hatcher. On this occasion the trouble was renewed and Smith struck Hatcher with a rock. The latter then got his Winchester rifle and shot Smith, and also Goodman, who seems to have been mixed up in the trouble. Vincent was accidentally shot. Neither of the wounds is expected to result fatally.

### HAVE GONE EAST.

The Rev. Frederick Shannon and wife and Frederick, Jr., left here on Tuesday morning last for York, Pa., where they will spend a remainder of the summer with Mrs. Shannon's relatives. They had spent a pleasant month in Louisa, where Mr. Shannon, contrary to the advice concerning prophets and their own country is with great honor. He visited a country meeting in this vicinity where the ancient rite of footwashing was observed, which was the first religious observation of washing feet he had ever witnessed. A preacher who can make sermons of the gleam of reflected light from a window, a brook, a tiny flower or a stone by the roadside will find much for a discourse in what he saw and heard the last Sunday of his stay with the people of his "ain country."

Some of the classes of the M. E. church South Sunday school enjoyed a pleasant picnic on Friday last.

### MR. AND MRS. WEIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Phares Weis, of Moberly, Missouri, were in this city Monday on their way home from Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Weis had attended the Elks reunion. Mr. Weis is the son of Dr. F. W. Weis and wife, who formerly lived in this city. He left Louisa 20 years ago and had not been here since. He married not quite a year ago, winning a very bright and attractive young girl. Mr. and Mrs. Weis spent the day pleasantly in visiting Louisa whom he knew when a boy, and who were glad to see that the bright little fellow of a fifth of a century ago had grown into a good looking, well appearing young man. He is in the general insurance business. The other living brother, Roy, is a traveling man. The youngest child, Rolla, died here and is buried in Pine Hill. While here Mr. Weis arranged for the erection of a suitable monument to his brother's memory.

### SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

Andrew Johnson was found guilty of complicity in the assassination of Ed Callahan, former Sheriff and noted feudist of Breathitt county, and was given a life sentence. The trial of Fletcher Deaton, also charged with conspiracy in the assassination plot, was begun immediately. There are 18 more to be tried for the murder and twelve for perjury.

### SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

A special first grade or clerical examination for positions in the internal revenue service of the Seventh Kentucky District will be held at Ashland, Ky., on August 16, 1913. Applicants to the District Secretary, room 403, postoffice building, Cincinnati, O., must be filed not later than the hour of closing business on August 11, 1913.

## AT AGE OF 87

W. P. Byington Passes Away at Home in this County.

Mr. W. P. Byington died at his home on Bear creek, three miles from Buchanan, last Monday at the age of 87. He had been sick only a few days, and up to that time had been very active for a man of his years. A short time ago a very heavy rain fell in that vicinity and his barn was surrounded by water. He was caught there and had to wade through the water. It is thought his death was the result of this experience. The burial occurred on Wednesday. Prof. W. M. Byington, a son, was called from this place on Monday and was present when death came. Miss Goldie Byington accompanied her father.

The deceased came from Virginia to this county in his youth and spent almost his entire life in the neighborhood where he died. He was a good citizen.

His widow, who is about the same age as her husband was, is sick and her relatives fear she will not long survive her husband.

### NO BRIDGE FOR IRLINGTON.

As was stated in this paper several weeks ago, the government has ordered the C. H. & D., and B. & O. railroads to either commence work on the bridge across the Ohio at Irlington or removed the piers. Last week it became known that the railroads have decided to remove the piers which will end all hopes of seeing a bridge across the Ohio river at Irlington.

### COST OF GOOD ROADS.

The government reports show that the cost of building good roads is not greater than the increase in the value of the lands adjoining them. So farmers can afford to build good roads without any cost to themselves.

### MARRIED IN CATLETTSBURG.

Miss Jennie Frazier, of Wayne, and Noah Hatten, of Pritchard, W. Va., were married Saturday evening about 8 o'clock on the lawn of the court house, the Rev. B. S. Wellman officiating.

## GREAT ACTIVITY

In the Development of Big Sandy Coal Fields.

Whitesburg, Ky., July 21.—The industrial development, opening of mines, the building of cities almost over night, and railroad construction in Eastern Kentucky's rich coal fields is attracting the attention of the industrial world. At present considerable railroad building is under way, while an even greater amount is planned for the very near future. Engineers are rapidly locating the Rockhouse branch of the Lexington & Eastern, up Rockhouse creek, an important coal and timber section of this county, which will be completed within the next ten or fifteen days. Immediately following it is said a contract is to be let for the building of the road.

A number of other short line branches out from the L. & E. are being planned, some of which are being constructed; one, the Mace creek branch, out from Masu, near the Letcher-Perry border, below here, to reach rich coal and timber properties. Here the Mowbray & Robinson Lumber Company are planning the early installation of large lumber mills.

In the Beaver creek field, north of here, which will become a close second to the Elkhorn field, the Beaver branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio is being rapidly extended to Steel's creek, twenty-two miles, while engineers are rushing the survey of a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio paralleling the C. & O., to reach the rich coal properties of the Great Mineral Fuel Company, building the new city of Weeksbury, construction of which was started only a few weeks ago. Already considerable headway has been reached by the new city.

The city is situated on the property of the Beaver Creek Fuel Co., a mammoth concern, interested also in the work of development. There is much speculation as to the ultimate purpose of the Baltimore & Ohio in entering this field, and it is said that they are pushing to form a connection with the Lexington & Eastern in the Boone's Fork field of this county. At the same time the line would pass through the properties of the Mineral Fuel Company, along Beaver creek, which consists of some 50,000 acres of rich properties.

The Beaver Creek Coal and Gas Company, recently organized in Baltimore are planning some gigantic developments along the Upper Beaver creek, which means the expenditure of several millions of dollars.

Rush work characterized the construction of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio from Dante, Virginia, through "the Breaks" of the Big Sandy branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio, and by spring the road will be completed. A number of big tunnels have delayed the work of construction. An important connection is to be built with this road—the Virginia & Kentucky from Wise, Va., through the Birchfield, Long's creek and Pound river sections, rich coal and timber fields, twenty-five miles, plans now being made looking to the early construction of the road. It is to be an extension of the Virginia & Kentucky railroad.

With the Baltimore & Ohio railroad getting considerable headway in the coal fields, the matter of a parallel line of the B. & O. with the Chesapeake & Ohio up the Big Sandy river, long talked of, is being revived again, and it is said plans are being perfected looking to that end. Those who have the matter in hand say it is absolutely necessary in order to handle the immense coal tonnage that is sure to be handled over the Big Sandy river route. With only the C. & O. to handle this big tonnage and the big increase that is sure to come with the completion of the C. & O. through the "Breaks," railroad projectors see and know something must be done and that at once.

The big shipments that are to come from along the line of the Sandy Valley & Elkhorn (owned by the B. & O.) from Jenkins and vicinity, will eventually tax the C. & O. to its limit, much less the big operations now coming into really along Beaver creek.

The big operations being started

by the Mineral Fuel Company at Fleming, on Wright's Fork, is getting into good headway, a large number of boarding houses, bungalows, etc., have been completed, and increases are being made from time to time in the working forces. Their product is to be handled by the Lexington & Eastern, already becoming a heavy coal carrier. With the big operations of the Consolidation Coal Company at McRoberts, and the large coal tonnage soon to be going out from that point, it is thoroughly evident that the L. & E. will at length be taxed to its limit. The territory around Hazard, Perry county, will also soon be sending out a large tonnage, as a number of large mines are rapidly nearing completion.

All told, the whole of Eastern Kentucky is rapidly becoming a great industrial and commercial section; millions of dollars are being expended by the great development forces now on the ground.

A West Virginia state concern is locating a large saw mill on Colly creek, five miles from here, near the new line of the Lexington & Eastern, to develop a large boundary of fine timber. A large number of men will be employed.

### MORGAN COUNTY OIL.

Morgan county operations continue unabated and a number of new drills have been moved into the field. No strikes of large capacity have been made lately, but several completions show a production above the average, and the county is one of the best bets for future operations. A field of considerable extent has been proven around Campton, while the present era of wild-cattling is taking the drill into a large outlying territory. One new strike makes twenty barrels.

Petroleum prices remain firm at \$1.35 and 70 cents per barrel, respectively, as compared with 91 and 53 cents per barrel last year.

## THREE NEW WELLS

To be Drilled Near Louisa within Next Few Weeks.

It is reported that three wells will be drilled soon on the farms of Wm. Savage and two of his neighbors. The Ohio Fuel Oil Co. owns the leases and will do the developing.

The well recently drilled by this company on the Joe Hutchinson place is reported to be making a little more than three barrels per day.

The well recently drilled by the Wayne Oil Company on the Wellman tract was shot Wednesday and is now being cleaned out. The well on the D. C. Hughes tract adjoining, belonging to the same company, is reported to be making eight barrels per day.

The Ohio Fuel Company is preparing to pipe the gas from the Tom Hays well near Yatesville to the locations referred to above, for use as fuel in drilling the three wells.

### HARRIS-DIXON.

Last Saturday, at Williamson, W. Va., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutchinson, Mr. Earl Harris and Miss Fay Dixon, of this city, were united in marriage. The bride is the eldest daughter of John Dixon, and the groom is a son of Elder and Mrs. E. J. Harris. They are prominent young people and have the best wishes of their many friends. They will make their future home in Williamson.—Paintsville Herald.

### WAS IN TROUBLE HERE.

It is said that Wes Combs, who is in jail at Prestonsburg charged with the murder of James Sautsberry at the mouth of Beaver on the night of July 16, was taken from a train here some months ago and locked up on charges of drunkenness and carrying concealed weapons.

Presiding Elder Williams, of the M. E. Church South, held the fourth quarterly meeting here Sunday, preaching an excellent sermon at night.

## NEW GAS LINE

From Inez to Louisville Will be Laid This Season.

The company which is to supply natural gas to Louisville has already secured a line from the wells in the western part of West Virginia to Inez, Ky. From this point a right of way has been secured almost in a bee line to Louisville, and passes west of West Liberty in Morgan-co., Frenchburg in Menefee, Winchester in Clark, runs about eight miles south of Lexington and five miles north of Versailles in Fayette and Woodford, about middle distance between Lawrenceburg and Frankfort, about 5 miles from Shelbyville, and thence to Louisville.

A right of way has been secured along the whole distance, except a few gaps, where condemnation may be necessary.

The order for the pipe and fittings has been placed, and it is intended to start work on the line at several places at the same time.

It is estimated that in point of time for the completion of the work, one mile in the mountains is equal to two miles in the flat country, so that arrangements have been made to start the gangs closer together in the mountainous part of the country through which the line comes.

The line will be of 12-inch steel pipe, tested to 400 pounds pressure per square inch. The joints will be of the most modern construction, made absolutely tight before the ditch is filled. The pipe will be placed in a deep trench, so as to allow at least a two-foot cover over the top of the pipe. In this way it will not interfere with the cultivation of the land.

At river crossings two pipes will be laid, each one large enough to carry all the gas, in case accident should occur to the other. Arrangements are made so that the broken pipe can be shut off while repairs are being made without losing any gas.

The distance from Louisville to the gas fields is about 210 miles, but by securing the use of the line to Inez, the pipe that must be constructed to Louisville amounts to about 185 miles.—Evening Post.

### HAD STORM.

What was probably the worst storm that ever devastated a country swept over this section about noon on last Saturday. Quite a heavy squall of wind, rain and hail visited us on the previous day, and we thought there would be fair weather for a few days at least, but on the day mentioned it looked for about an hour as if there would not be much left of houses and crops. The storm came very suddenly from the southwest, being as was afterwards ascertained, a part of the tornado which did so much damage in Central Kentucky. A low-hung cloud of huge dimensions and inky blackness seemed to ride on the wings of the wind. It fell over the town and adjacent territory, and in almost a twinkling it was as dark as total blindness. Lamps were hastily lighted, but they could do nothing to relieve the blackness of the streets.

Meanwhile the wind howled and the water fell in hogheads full. To say it rained is putting it too mildly. Trees were stripped of their limbs and were torn up by the roots. Nearly every garden in town and country was ruined. What the drought left the flood took. Miles of fencing were swept away, acres upon acres of corn were ruined and hillside fields washed bare. From every section of the country comes the cry of labor and money lost by the fury of the gale and the down-pour of water.

So far as the NEWS has been able to learn there has been neither loss of life nor limb.

### A GIPSY BAND.

A band of gipsies, so called, passed through Louisa last Monday. There were four two-horse wagon loads of them, men, women and children.

### AGAIN MRS. WELLMAN.

Neal Wellman, Williamson, W. Va., and Mrs. P. H. Webbe, Pritchard, W. Va., and hereby hangs a tale: Some years ago Neal Wellman wooed and won pretty Bertha Thompson a popular Wayne county teacher, after a few years the couple became estranged and were divorced, after which Mrs. Wellman was wedded to P. H. Webbe, with whom she lived until his death later she continuing her vocation as teacher. The first husband however, never having forgotten his first love renewed his wooing of the pretty young widow, who decided to return to her first devotee. The pretty wedding that took place at the home of C. R. Strother here yesterday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. W. Grant, was the sequel to this tragedy of hearts that has been waged for the past few years and finally ended most happily. Notwithstanding the varied experience, both are still young, but have doubtless in this time, learned to bear and forbear.—Catsburg Item.

### DIED IN FORT GAY.

Herbert Vanhose, aged 35 years, died at the residence of his father, Jasper Vanhose, on Friday last and was buried the following day in Fairview cemetery. Mr. Vanhose had been sick about four days at his home at Kermitt, W. Va., before he was brought to Fort Gay on the day before his death, which was the result of blood poisoning, but what caused the condition which produced the fatal result is not known. Mr. Vanhose leaves a widow and one child. His wife is a daughter of George Chapman, of Wolfe, Martin county.

### JOHN F. HAGER PRESIDENT.

Mr. John F. Hager has returned home from Richmond, Va., where he attended a meeting of the directors of the newly organized Elkhorn Mining corporation, of which he was elected president.

The maximum capital of the company is \$6,750,000. The principal office is to be in Richmond, and the new concern is permitted to own as much as 200,000 acres of real estate. Ernest B. Flippen and H. H. Chalkley, both of Richmond, are secretary and treasurer respectively. The corporation will act as a holding company.—Ashland Independent.

### A TYPHOID PATIENT.

Miss Trogett was brought to Riverview hospital from Paintsville Tuesday, sick of typhoid fever. She was one of a carnival crowd which has been holding forth in that town, and was taken sick several days ago. Before her companions left they contributed something for her, and the citizens of Paintsville gave liberally. Miss Trogett is 15 years old and has relatives in Lexington and Cincinnati. She was accompanied to the hospital by Miss Hamm, a trained nurse.

### LAWN PARTY.

Miss Vivian Hays entertained very handsomely on Saturday evening last. The beautiful lawn surrounding her home was brilliant with Japanese lanterns, and the occasion was a very pleasant one.

### A TWO DAY FESTIVAL.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South are holding a two days festival this week, Thursday and Friday. The place is a fitting one, the spacious lawn surrounding the residence of Mr. H. C. Sullivan. On both afternoons and evenings cake, ice cream and lemon tea will be served. During the evenings light will be furnished by means of Japanese lanterns. Attend and be refreshed.

### JUMPED FROM TRAIN.

John Preston, aged 17, son of Ed. Preston, who lives not far from Chestnut, Johnson county, jumped from a moving freight train near his home on Wednesday last and was painfully hurt. One wrist is broken and dislocated, making an injury from which he will not entirely recover for a long time. He also sustained some minor injuries. The general public seems a long time in learning that jumping on or from a moving train is a dangerous procedure.